

Mr. Waterhouse, in a letter to Mr. Cuning, writes as follows respecting this *Hyrax* :—

“The *Hyrax* is certainly distinct from the two species which I am acquainted with, viz. *H. Capensis* and *H. Syriacus*, and upon comparing the skin with the description of *H. arboreus*, the only other described species, I find several discrepancies which lead me to believe it will prove distinct. I allude more especially to the texture of the fur. In Mr. Fraser’s Fernando Po animal the fur is coarse, whilst in *H. arboreus* it is said to be soft. This latter animal moreover has a transverse black stripe about the middle of the lower jaw which does not exist in Mr. Fraser’s species.”—*Proc. Zool. Soc.* Nov. 23, 1852.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR JUNE 1854.

Chiswick.—June 1. Fine : cloudy. 2. Rain. 3. Cloudy : clear. 4. Cloudy : clear and cold at night. 5. Uniformly overcast : fine. 6. Cloudy and cold. 7, 8. Cloudy. 9. Overcast. 10. Fine. 11. Fine : overcast. 12. Densely clouded : slight shower : very clear at night. 13. Rain : clear. 14. Cloudy : very fine. 15. Hazy and drizzly. 16. Hazy : rain. 17. Uniformly overcast : very fine : clear. 18. Clear and very fine. 19. Very fine : cold at night. 20. Slight haze : cloudy : fine : clear. 21. Fine : cloudy : rain. 22. Very fine. 23. Uniformly overcast : very fine : clear. 24, 25. Cloudy and fine. 26. Fine. 27. Fine : rain at night. 28. Showery : very clear. 29. Cloudy : clear. 30. Very fine : rain at night.

Mean temperature of the month	56°·93
Mean temperature of June 1853	59·16
Mean temperature of June for the last twenty-eight years .	60·51
Average amount of rain in June	1·90 inch.

Boston.—June 1. Cloudy. 2. Rain A.M. 3—11. Cloudy. 12. Cloudy : rain A.M. 13—15. Cloudy. 16. Cloudy : rain P.M. 17, 18. Cloudy. 19—22. Fine. 23. Fine : thermometer 83° half-past 2 P.M. 24. Fine : thermometer 80° half-past 2 P.M. 25. Fine : thermometer 87° : rain P.M. 26. Cloudy : rain A.M. 27. Cloudy. 28. Cloudy : rain A.M. and P.M. 29. Cloudy. 30. Cloudy : rain P.M.

Sandwick Manse, Orkney.—June 1. Drizzle A.M. and P.M. 2. Cloudy A.M. and P.M. 3. Bright A.M. : cloudy P.M. 4. Cloudy A.M. and P.M. 5. Damp A.M. and P.M. 6. Cloudy A.M. and P.M. 7. Cloudy A.M. : drizzle P.M. 8. Damp A.M. : cloudy, fine P.M. 9. Drops A.M. : small rain P.M. 10. Cloudy A.M. : drops P.M. 11. Clear A.M. : rain P.M. 12. Clear A.M. : clear, fine P.M. 13. Clear A.M. : drops P.M. 14. Cloudy A.M. : showers, cloudy P.M. 15. Cloudy A.M. : clear P.M. 16. Bright A.M. : cloudy P.M. 17. Clear A.M. : cloudy P.M. 18. Damp A.M. : cloudy P.M. 19. Rain A.M. : fog P.M. 20. Clear A.M. and P.M. 21. Clear, fine A.M. and P.M. 22. Bright A.M. : cloudy P.M. 23. Drizzle A.M. : cloudy, fine P.M. 24. Rain A.M. : clear, fine P.M. 25. Clear, fine A.M. : cloudy, fine P.M. 26. Showers A.M. : damp P.M. 27. Showers A.M. : cloudy P.M. 28. Clear, fine A.M. : cloudy P.M. 29. Clear, fine A.M. : drizzle P.M. 30. Drizzle A.M. : drizzle, showers P.M.

Mean temperature of June for twenty-seven previous years .	52°·81
Mean temperature of June 1853	55·21
Mean temperature of this month	52·86
Average quantity of rain in June for thirteen previous years .	2·24 inches.